

**DECLARATION**  
**Utility Application**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Crane Supporting Apparatus**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, along with any amendment thereof specifically referred to herein. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) & 1.27(b)) -- INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Applicant or Patentee: **LESTER KENT RHODES**  
Filed: December 22, 2003  
Title: **Crane Supporting Apparatus**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that I am the sole inventor and that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b))

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Lester Kent Rhodes**, the owner of the application for United States Letters Patent for a **Crane Supporting Apparatus** invented by myself executed on even date herewith do hereby appoint as attorney of record with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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